

Town of Weare Parks and Recreation

Meeting Minute June 26, 2007

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chuck Metcalf, John Nikkais, Gene Propper, Valerie King, Joe Fiala and Jim Blouin* (*Jim arrived during Ineson Field discussion).

PARC MISSION STATEMENT AND DIRECTOR (COORDINATOR) DESCRIPTION:

- Chuck will bring request to BOS to change the word "maintains" to "oversees" in the mission statement. No other changes recommended by PARC members at this time. However, several of the Committee voiced their objection to the stipend (vs. an hourly wage). It was noted that similar positions in town (i.e. the Health Officer) are also on a stipend. The intent is to get someone who is interested in the job, not the money.
- The Coordinator is to get direction from the Town Administrator. This is so they can get immediate answers. Technically, a single PARC member can't tell the Coordinator what to do and the Coordinator can't always wait for an answer from the full Committee.
- Committee reminded that these policies can be revisited at any time.
- The public reminded that the policies are available to citizens upon request.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Gene moved to accept the minutes for the June 12, 2007 meeting. Joe seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

CHASE PARK:

- a. Adult applications-2 applicants to be interviewed tomorrow at 7pm at the town hall. These positions will be part-time at 10-20 hours/week (on-call type positions with some guaranteed hours).
- b. Director application-One applicant for Coordinator. PARC will hold on to this application for now. Committee may need to re-advertise position with new job description (once finalized).

INESON FIELD:

- a. Well-See Joe's e-mail (sent on DATE?) explaining the situation with the well. Joe provided a summarized of recent events. The company that originally drilled the well can re-drill the well for \$500. The question is how to fund the repair. PARC is considering using CIP money for this project, which means that the tennis court repairs would need to be postponed. A concern was expressed regarding the potential loss of the tennis court light insurance check (revert back to General Funds) if it is not spent soon. Joe will find out what needs to be done so this money is spent on PARC projects (possibly the well repair)
- b. Irrigation-Come Fall, PARC will need to be able to blow out the irrigation system so that the lines aren't damaged when frozen. Joe will bring this concern to the contractor's attention and will let the drill company know there will be a delay on getting the pump in the well.

2007 BUDGET UPDATE:

- See Tom's spreadsheet
- Chuck will e-mail Tom and ask him for a breakdown of the Bolton Field line as it appears to be lower than expected.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tennis Courts are on hold until the well is repaired and we can reassess the available funds. The tennis courts are in bad shape, but not considered unsafe at this time. It was suggested that the tennis court lights insurance money be used to "seal" the tennis courts temporarily (with the assumption that we would lose this money if not spent on the tennis courts). PARC (no specific member identified) will look into cost of sealing courts.
- Chase Park hours will be revisited at the next meeting. When the Park was opened early, no one showed up until nearly 9am. Kathy has suggested moving the time to 8am.
- Sand in the Chase Park lot-Joe will check with Carl about having the lot cleaned with a sweeper (after all the bridges in town are done). If this isn't possible, it was suggested that we hire prisoners to sweep the lot. Carl did not sand this lot, nor does anyone on PARC knows who did. It should not be done in the future.
- WAC is having their awards ceremony this week. They had concerns regarding the portapotties and the field, but Jim took care of it. WAC was happy with the condition of the fields.
- The tire on the fertilizer spreader is flat as is the tire on the wheelbarrow at the Park. Jim agreed to take care of the tires.
- It has been 2 months since the last fertilization. It was suggested that we buy the fertilizer and ask WAC and JSGFA to apply the fertilizer. PARC will make the fertilizer spreader available to them for this purpose. Only Purington and all the fields at Bolton need fertilizing at this time (Ineson is already very green). Request granted for using broad leaf killer with fertilizer (Scott's Weed and Feed) on the football field. WAC may do the same if they chose.
- If someone can loan Gene a trailer, he has offered to bring the old cables and poles (at Purington) to the dump.
- Chuck spoke with Brian of WAC regarding the debris at Bolton. Brian agreed that it needed to be cleaned up and will do so as soon as he's able to find someone to help.

PUBLIC COMMENT

• Mary Richards-Concerned about the garbage at the ball fields. She noted that recycling is mandatory in Weare and that PARC should be doing their part by providing recycle bins at all the fields. Jim has talked to Carl about having bins made. PARC to will look into the issue The PARC policy is carry in carry out (at Ineson and Purington). It was suggested that this be stated in our user policy and that picking up of trash at the ball fields be included in the Coordinator's job description.

GEO INSIGHT/BOLTON DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:

- Suggestions/comments made by PARC to GEO Insight included
 - o Adding a track around the (football) field.
 - o A higher fence at the baseball field to stop balls from hitting cars in the lot.
 - o Important to know where the bathrooms CAN be put.
- Chuck will find out what the restrictions/agreements are regarding the ATV path.
- According to Mike (GEO), the baseball parking area posses the biggest (financial) challenge.
- GEO Insight is targeting the end of July (by the 24th-PARC's second next meeting of the month) for a draft plan to be ready for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CIP Committee wants to hear from us regarding what we want for future funding. PARC will discuss ideas at the next meeting. Members are encouraged to share ideas (e-mail) prior to the meeting so we are ready to make some decisions in this regard. Suggestions offered at this time included: Bolton Field-phase 1 and the tennis courts.
- Facility Request Forms-

- WAC Fall soccer field request may overlap with football. Postpone discussion until Tom is here (because he has the current user dates).
- O The Weare Congregational Church is planning their Beach Party Revival for August 11th. They are reserving the Pavilion from 6am to 6pm. They will be asked to do as they did last year and cordon off the roasting area (safety issues). They will have a live band and expect 200 people to attend. Cars will need stickers (or pay visitor fee) to enter the Park. If PARC changes the official Park hours, special arrangements will be made so that the Congregation and its guests may enter the park earlier. There were no objections by PARC members of this request.
- The historical Society has requested use of the Gazebo on August 25th from 9am until 9pm. Chuck will let them know that there will be no porta-potties available for this event. There were no objections to this request.
- Swim Lesson sign-ups will be on Thursday at the Park from 6-8pm, and Sunday from 2-4pm.
- Chuck will update Chase Park hours on Channel 6 (to delete the dates that have already gone by)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:10pm